

**“What Indiana Means To Me”  
Fourth Grade Student Essay Competition**

The Indiana Statehouse Tour Office is sponsoring an essay competition in conjunction with “Indiana Statehood Day,” a celebration of Indiana’s 193<sup>rd</sup> birthday. A ceremony to honor the contest winners will take place on Friday, December 11, 2009, from 12:00 to 1:00 P.M. at the Indiana Statehouse. A day of special activities will precede the program. (See additional information.)

**Competition Rules:**

- The competition is open to any Indiana 4<sup>th</sup> grade public, private or home school student.
  - Essays need to range from 100 to 400 words, handwritten or typed.
  - Essays must include student’s name, teacher’s name, and the school’s name, address and telephone number.
  - Essays should convey what living in the state of Indiana means to the student. What are the things that make the student glad that he or she is a Hoosier?
  - Essays must be submitted by November 2, 2009.
  - Send essays to:  
Jennifer Hodge, Coordinator, State Capitol Tour Office,  
200 W. Washington St. Room 220  
Indiana Statehouse,  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.
- For more information on the contest or to reserve space at the program, call 317-233-9830.
- Judges will choose first, second, and third place winners.
  - Winners will be notified the week of November 23, 2009.

**The first place winner will be invited to read his or her essay at the  
December 11<sup>th</sup> ceremony!**